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Bloodshed

When
we are strong enough to mourn
the weeping of one child,
When
the loss of
a flower or a tree
is suffered,
When
we tremble
in silence
in the power
that births
the dawn,

Our wombs will be safe.

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black hawk

perched on a tree
stump, eyes old and full of all that is bleak
within the earthly realm

it sings dark moans, unbird-like

drones a heart full of stones not even
semi-precious

I sing out to you but am inclined to disappear
similar
to you and your army

did I say
you
again?
I simply meant the bird
flying fast
loveless
and without warning
over the blue horizon.

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